रद्द करना और तर्कसंगत पदोन्नति नीति बनाना।

2. कनिष्ठ अभियन्ताओं (सिविल/इलैक्ट्रिकल) दूरसंचार विभाग के वेतनमानों को अपग्रेड करना।

(1) दूरसंचार कनिष्ठ अभियन्ताओं के वेतन (मूल ग्रेड) को वर्तमान ढांचे में 1640-2900/-रुपये में संशोधित करना।

(2) नए वेतन ढांचे में 2000-3200/-रुपये का उच्चतर ग्रेड।

(3) पदोन्नति नियमों अर्थात् भर्ती नियमों को परिवर्तित करना।

3. कनिष्ठ अभियन्ताओं के लिए सरल लेखे :

इसे वर्ष में दो बार लिया जाना चाहिए और दूसरी वेतनवृद्धि पर रोक समाप्त की जानी चाहिए और 9-10-84 तथा 31-3-86 की अवधि के लिए परीक्षा के न लिए जाने से प्रभावित कनिष्ठ अभियन्ताओं (सिविल/इलैक्ट्रिकल) को देय वेतनवृद्धि तत्काल दे दी जानी चाहिए।

उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र के लिए 25 प्रतिशत विशेष ड्यूटी भत्ता :— वहां कार्य कर रहे कनिष्ठ अभियन्ताओं को यह भत्ता दिया जाना चाहिए जो कि अन्य प्रशासनिक विभागों के ऐसे ही संवर्ग को ग्राह्य है।

डिप्लोमा कनिष्ठ अभियन्ताओं को जो कि योजना अनुभागों में डिज़ाईन कार्य कर रहे हैं के लो०नि० विभाग के समान मानदेय देना।

Selection of Hot Mix Plants by DGSD

1768. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament have been written to Government in connection with the selection of Hot Mix plants by the DGSD to be used by the Ministry of Surface Transport;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have hurriedly decided to purchase of plant from an Ahmedabad company ignoring the claims of a number of companies who are offering modern and computerised plants; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to buy a modern and efficient plant by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Offers for Imported as well as indigenous plants were received against Global Tender Enquiry for supply of Hot Mix Plant required by Ministry of Surface Transport. DGTD had only agreed for floating tender enquiry for import in case the indigenous manufacturers are not able to meet the requirement.

After Scrutiny of all tenders received against the Global Tender Enquiry in consultation with Ministry of Surface Transport the offer of M/s Apollo Earthmovers Pvt. Ltd., being the lowest technically indigenous acceptable offer was accepted and the order was placed with M/s Apollo, Ahmedabad.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Leather Goods

1769. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of leather goods excluding footwear exported to foreign countries during the last three years alongwith the names of such countries;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the export of leather goods during the above period;

(c) whether there has been any increase or decline in the export of these goods during this period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to encourage export of leather goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Exports of leather goods and manufactures during the last three years mainly to FRG, U.K., France, Switzerland, Canada, USA, GDR; Denmark etc. are estimated by the Council for Leather Exports to have been of the order of:—

Year	Value in Rs. million
1984-85	665
1985-86	1019
1996-87	1563

The leather goods include many assorted items, quantum-wise details are not available.

(c) There has been an increase in exports of leather goods and manufactures during the above period.

(d) An easy access to imported machinery, chemicals and accessories, including embellishments with concessional rate of duty, permission for export production of leather goods in organised sector subject to the prescribed export obligation, training of personnel engaged in production of leather garments and other leather goods, design and product development, participation in overseas specilised commodity fairs, visit of sales|study delegations to different international markets are some of the steps taken by the Govt. to encourage export of leather goods.

Staff Strength of Delhi Passport Office

1770. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of staff of Delhi Passport Office;

(b) the number of passports issued by Delhi Passport Office during the last three years; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the staff of Delhi Passport Office on account of the increasing number of applications for the issue of passports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The present sanctioned strength of officers and staff of Delhi Passport Office in various grades is as under:

Group 'A' .	6
Group 'B' .	4
Group (C) .	105
Group (D) .	12—1 (Part time)
(b) 1984 .	1,12,268
1985 .	96,622
1986 .	1,09,603

(c) The staff strength of the Passport Offices is reviewed in March every year. On the basis of the workload handled by a particular office during the previous year, the staff position is increased|decreased as per the norms established by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance. During the last 3 years,